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PARIS FOR UNESCO

1. SENEGAL NATCOM WILL BE INFORMED BY LTR OF US
NATCOM SUGGESTION THAT SENEGALESE APPLY DIRECTLY TO
UNESCO PARIS FOR FUNDS TO CONTINUE TRANSLATION AND
DISTRIBUTION OF WORLD POP NEWS IN FRANCOPHONE
AFRICA ALONG LINES REFTEL. EMBASSY HOPES SENEGAL NATCOM
WILL CONTINUE WITH PROJECT THEY HAVE SO WELL BEGUN.

2. TO DATE, FIVE ISSUES OF INFO ANNEE MONDIALE DE LA
POPULATION HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED, 5000 COPIES EACH NR.
DISTRIBUTION BEING HANDLED BY SENEGAL NATCOM WITH SOME
ASSISTANCE FROM UNESCO REG. OFFICE DAKAR. NATCOMS
IN OTHER FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES HAVE RECEIVED ALLOTMENT
OF COPIES FOR OWN DISTRIBUTION, AND SENEGAL NATCOM IS
SENDING COPIES DIRECTLY TO INDIVIDUALS ON SELECTED LISTS,
INCLUDING PHYSICIANS, EDUCATORS, STATISTICIANS AND OTHERS
INTERESTED IN WORLD POP. YR ACTIVITIES. ALL
NEWSPAPERS AND NEWS AGENCIES, RADIO AND TV STATIONS IN
FRANCOPHONE AFRICA ARE ON DIST.

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3. EXCEPT FOR DELAYS IN BEGINNING PUBLICATION AND BRIEF

INTERRUPTION WHILE SENEGALESE NATCOM WAS REORGANIZED, SENEGALESE HAVE DONE GOOD JOB WITH NEWLETTER. FIVE ATTRACTIVE EDITIONS HAVE APPEARED IN TIMELY FASHION. SENEGALESE AUDIENCE HAS BEEN APPRECIATIVE OF INFO ANNE MONDIALE DE LA POPULATION. NO REACTION YET FROM OTHER FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES REPORTED TO US, BUT PUBLISHER CISSE ON LOOKOUT FOR REPRINTS FROM NEWSLETTER AND COMMENTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

4. TOTAL COST OF FIVE ISSUES OF NEWLETTER REPORTED BY CISSE AS 1,663,250 CFA (DOLS 8316.25 AT CURRENT RATE OF EXCHANGE 200 CFA TO ONE DOL). RATE OF EXCHANGE WHEN AGREEMENT BETWEEN US NATCOM AND SENEGALESE NATCOM CONCLUDED IN APR 1974 WAS 240 CFA TO ONE DOL. IN ADDITION TO FLUCTUATION IN EXCHANGE RATE, PUBLICATION OPERATIONS ALSO AFFECTED BY SHARP INCREASE IN PRICES AND WAGES SINCE APR 74.

5. AMT REMITTED BY US NATCOM TO EMBASSY FOR SENEGALESE NATCOM TO DATE: DOLS 6500. TURNED OVER TO SENEGALESE NATCOM: DOLS 3400. ON HAND AT EMBASSY: DOLS 100. PUBLISHER'S BILLS OUTSTANDING (CISSE): DOLS 5000.

6. EMBASSY RETURNING ONE US NATCOM CHECK FOR DOLS 3000 MADE OUT TO FORMER SEC GEN SENEGAL NATCOM MAMADOU DIAGNE BY POUCH TO UPSTON (REGISTRATION NR 1282124). IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW SENEGAL NATCOM PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN LTR FROM SEC GEN ABDEL KADER N'DIAYE TO UPSTON (POUCHED TO IO/UCS) OF 3/4/75, REQUEST NEW CHECK MADE OUT TO PUBLISHER ABDUL RAHMAN CISSE FOR DOLS 5000 TO COVER CISSE'S OUTSTANDING BILLS. CHECK FOR CISSE WILL BRING ALL ACCTS CURRENT FOR PRESENT PHASE OF PROJECT, EXCEPT FOR CHARGES YET TO BE REPORTED BY SENEGAL NATCOM FOR COSTS OF DISTRIBUTING NEWLETTER WHICH WE ASSUME US NATCOM WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO PAY. DAVIS

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